

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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Sunday Bible Class	10:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	11:00AM
Sunday Evening Assembly	6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00PM

Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Frank Glover

Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Lord's Table: Don Salisbury
Dylan Ruhstaller
Ashton Hutchinson
Alan Springer

Opening Prayer: Keith Pennington

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Rich Book

PM Song Leader: No PM Service

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	40	36
Morn. Assembly	90	82
Sun Eve.	21	13

Wednesday 15 12

Contribution: \$3527.00 \$2121.00



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Kicking against the Goats

Most of us know about the great ingathering on the day of Pentecost. Three thousand souls responded and united in faith in the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Peter preached the death, burial and resurrection. But exactly what was it that pierced those hearts that day? To put it simply, it was God's determined plan that man cannot thwart.

"this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. ²⁴"But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power." Acts 2:23-24.

Man thought he controlled the narrative. God determines the path. It is predestiny, foreknowledge, predetermined, unstoppable, and uncontrollable by man because God is God. Yet man has a choice. We can surrender, bow before the King of kings or we can kick against the goads. As our Lord declared to Saul, he declares to you and I; ***"It is hard for you to kick against the goads."*** Acts 26:14.

You cannot overcome God's determined plan. You can surrender or you can resist, you can ignore to the best of your ability but in the end you cannot thwart God's determined plan. Many have tried to overcome God's will. Prophets have been killed, the Messiah crucified but ***"God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."*** Acts 2:23-24.

The Pharisees, Sadducees, Nero, the Papacy and secular Patriarch have tried to fight, resist and overcome God's determined plan but God's truth reigns. God's determined plan rules. Mohamud, Mao, Stalin and even American liberties all kick at the goads. God reigns, The risen reigns.

Think back on all of those Parables Jesus taught before going to the cross: the great banquet of the king, the separation of the sheep and goats, the master who calls his stewards into account, the workers of the vineyard. Each one tells a story of those who thought they could kick against the goads and overcome the predetermined will of God. But they also tell the stories of those who embraced God's rule, God's love and fellowship and embraced God's determined plan; the good news of Jesus Christ. Then came Satan and all the powers of darkness both flesh and spiritual. The serpent's venom drove deep into the heel of Christ but three days later the determined plan crushed Satan's determined plan. God reigns!

"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."

Rom. 6:12-13.

Pharisees, kings, societies kick against the goads. But Christ reigns. So, what about you? Don't tell me about your church affiliation or favorite doctrines. Are you living a life that kicks against the goads? Do you really think your choices will overcome God's determined will for life? When the crowd heard Peter's words, 3,000 surrendered to the king, bowed before the Lord of lords. 3,000 found mercy, grace and life. So today in all you are, surrender, bow, obey and trust in the God who gave His son in His determined plan. One day there will be that separation of the sheep from the goats. Stop living that lie that you can overcome God's will. Surely you feel the pain of the goads even now. Stop kicking against the goads.

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Welcome to Highway 32 Church,

We are a group of Christians worshipping God according to the Teaching in the New Testament. May we all worship our loving Father today with sincere hearts, open and receptive to His Spirit and His love.

July Teachers

Cradle Roll - Jessica Mayes
Pre-K-K - Melody/Libby
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Marc Curfman



July Teacher
Kacie Schunk

Note: Children will go to Bible Hour during the song before the morning lesson.



July Building & Communion

Tina Widmeyer Ron Smith
& Linda Shinkle

Zoom Meetings – Zoom meeting (2 Corinthians) every Thursday 7pm.
See Sue for the link if you would like to participate.

Announcements:

Jeremy/Kacie Schunk will be having a baby boy in the month of January. Congratulations.

Huey Jones will be in Atlantes Rehab Center, room 108A for probably 3 weeks recovering from her fall. She welcomes visitors! Keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Harley Carrothers will be moving to 10024 Limberlost Trail, Ft Wayne, IN 46825 on 7/17 to be with his daughter. You will be surely missed.

Paula Craycraft asks for prayers for her ex-daughter in-law, Denise Love who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for July will be can soup. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

The ROMEO Club will host a 6 mile moderate difficulty hike at Hocking Hills, Saturday July 18th. We will tour Old Man's Cave and Cedar Falls as part of the hike. It's a 2 hour drive (we will carpool as available). Depart the church building at 7:45am and return @ 3-4 pm. Will stop for lunch after the hike at a restaurant. See David Turpin for questions and details.

Potluck Luncheon today after services. There will be no PM service.

Sunday nights we are studying the book of Colossians read all 4 chapters for next Sunday and join us in learning from God's Word.

There is one tree left in a blue container in the conference room in the lobby. If it is yours please take it today. After today we will assume it is not to return home.

July Birthdays

7/4 Connie Daniel & Kirt Martin
7/7 Adeline Mayes
7/15 Kellie Wright
7/18 Don Salisbury
7/22 Lynn Beard
7/25 Keith Pennington
7/26 Carl Beard
7/27 Betty Sutton

July Anniversaries

7/23 Lynn Prickett

Continue to Remember: Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Bob/Mary Parker, Lynn Prickett, Emma Posey, Steve Cummins, and our church family.

"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."